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THE GRAND OLD MAN READS HIS POETRY

Describing John Crowe Ransom's method of reading poetry, more than thirty years ago, Allen Tate said: "he reads it in a dry tone of understatement." With that same "dry tone of understatement," John Crowe Ransom, Professor Emeritus of Kenyon College read his poetry at Rosse Hall on Founders' Day.

Gentle, unassuming, and with a faint Southern drawl, Ransom interspersed each reading with terse comments. Ransom, a resident of Gambier since he came here from Vanderbilt in 1937, revealed his strong feeling for the small town. "It is an island in the woods," he said, "a kind of Eden." His statement, however, was not unconditional. "If it is bleak in the winter," he continued, "we go south." Standing at the rostrum, the old "Fugitive" seemed very much at home.

Much of Ransom's poetry has the same "tone of understatement" that is evidenced in his manner of reading. "My poetry," he said, "has been called 'unresolved suspension' . . . It doesn't make much noise."

In his reading, a number of recurring themes could be detected. Ransom, with the simplicity found only in a complex mind, described each group of readings as "poems about love" or "poems about death." Exemplary of his "death" poems is "Dead Boy." Here we see Ransom expressing an acute but not maudlin awareness of death.

The "Vaunting Oak" and "The Equilibrists" show his intense concern with the ephemeral nature of love.

Not without a sense of humour, Ransom read some of his "non-sense" poetry. Particularly funny was his reading of "Survey of Literature" which he described as the "dietetic determination of history." The poem ends "No belly and no bowels, only consonants and vowels."

Later, Mr. Ransom gave some insight on the process of poetic creation itself. He said that "the unconscious is the vast storehouse for images — only later does the reason control it."

As professor here and editor of the *Kenyon Review*, John Crowe Ransom brought Kenyon great prestige. It was he who lured men like Robert Lowell and Peter Taylor to Kenyon.

Standing at the Rostrum, John Crowe Ransom made distinct the differences of the old Kenyon and the new. Peter Taylor, in his short story, 1939, describes why he came to Kenyon and in so doing describes the Kenyon of Ransom. "We had all come to Kenyon because we were bent upon becoming writers of some kind or other and the new president of the college had just appointed a famous and distinguished poet to the staff of the English Department."

NOTICE

A tuxedo representative will be in Pierce Hall today, tomorrow and Monday from 2:30 to 4:30, to take orders for Dance Weekend. These will be his only visits.

— ATTENTION — Fraternity and Senior PHOTOGRAPHS Nov. 21, 22 and 23

Check with fraternity presidents for correct times and places.

Kenyon Backs Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 29, 1960 will mark the tenth successive year that the Red Cross has been soliciting blood from Kenyon students.

A donation of your blood will add to the assurance of having an available supply at all times. The use of thirteen of these precious pints helped to save the life of a Kenyon faculty member last year.

Your donation may be credited to any member of your family, or a friend needing blood, if the hospital participates in the Red Cross program. Both Mount Vernon hospitals participate in this program and are both fortified with an adequate blood bank. In the event of a rare emergency additional blood supplies are available at all times from the Columbus regional blood center.

Our last year's minimum goal of 150 pints fell 26 pints short. A greater effort on the part of all the students will enable us to reach the 1960 goal and surpass it. To insure a greater representation of the student body there have been no varsity sports scheduled for this period.

President Lund, Dean Edwards and the student council stand behind the staff of the *Collegian* in asking the students to do everything in their power to make the 1960 drive for blood a tremendous success.

Alumnus Pledges \$100,000 Grant

On October 29, a distinguished Kenyon alumnus, Pierre McBride, presented the following challenge in a letter to President Lund:

"On the basis that each member of the Kenyon College Board of Trustees will seriously assume his financial responsibility and obligation to the College by raising at least \$7,100.00, plus any past pledge, and that \$142,000.00 is raised in that manner by December 14; I will agree to raise, and I hereby commit myself, because of this immediate and imperative need for success of our Financial Campaign, to raise one dollar for each two dollars, so raised by the other members of this Board, up to a limit on my part of \$100,000.00.

"In other words if you raise \$142,000.00 by then, I agree to raise \$71,000.00. If you raise \$200,000.00 or more by that time, I agree to raise \$100,000.00.

"If you raise \$100,000.00 only, or any amount short of full \$142,000.00 by December 14, I may not be able to raise anything additional to my present commitment."

Pierre B. McBride

Since the trustees need \$1.8 million to begin construction of the new library and science hall, and they have \$1.5 million, the \$300,000 which would be raised by Mr. McBride's generous offer would, as Dr. Lund said, "enable us to start building by commencement."



John Crowe Ransom, poet and past editor of *The Kenyon Review*, continues to bring literary honor to Kenyon College.

FAMOUS DUO DI ROMA OPENS GUND CONCERTS

by Richard Spero

The first of two George Gund concerts sponsored by The Lectureship Committee will be offered to the Kenyon community, Monday, November 28, at 8:00 p.m. in Rosse Hall. The featured artists will be Duo di Roma, making their fourth tour of the United States.

Ornella Santoliquido, pianist, and Massimo Amfitheatrof, violinist, will be heard in the following program:

**Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Opus 69
Beethoven**

**Allegro ma non tanto
Scherzo: Allegro molto
Adagio cantabile —**

**Allegro vivace
Sonata "Per Arpeggione" in A
Minor Schubert**

**Allegro moderato
Adagio - Allegretto
Sonata in F Major, Opus 99
Brahms**

**Allegro vivace
Adagio affettuoso
Allegro passionato
Allegro molto**

These performers were first heard by American audiences when they appeared as soloists on their first visit to this country with the Virtuosi di Roma, of which they were the co-founders. In 1957, they toured America for the first time as Duo di Roma.

Ornella Santoliquido, a native of Florence, is today considered the leading woman pianist of Italy. She is a member of the faculty of the famous St. Cecilia Conservatory, and has appeared as soloist under the most famous conductors in Europe and in North and South America. Many contemporary composers have dedicated piano works to her, and they have received their first performances at her hands.

Signor Amfitheatrof was born in Paris and is recognized as one of the great violinists of our time. His interpretations have won him wide critical acclaim.

No admission charge or tickets are necessary for this concert.

THEODORE KAHN TALKS ON SCIENCE AND ASIA

Dr. Theodore Kahn presented the third in a series of Christian Fellowship Lectures. The topic that was chosen was Science and Technology in South East Asia. The major theme of the lecture was: What the effect of the scientific method would be on Indian Ideals.

The entire Indian culture Dr. Kahn began, is based on the soul, and its ultimate deliverance. This question, in reality, is a philosophical tradition which grew out of Vedas; the Indian holy scriptures. This Vedas is a collection of traditional knowledge which is the product of Indian creativity and collective Indian consciousness.

The basic tenets of the Vedas assert that the human self is an immortal entity and that the soul can be delivered. These assumptions form the core of the three major schools of Indian religion.

Dr. Kahn emphasized that deliverance is the sole mission of the self. To the Indian, therefore, the material world has no influ-

ence on the soul's ultimate deliverance.

Because of the fact that Metaphysics is the backbone of all Indian knowledge, the Indians have never developed any theories to take the objective world into account.

Dr. Kahn then pointed out the effects modern science had on the Indian intellect.

Science as we know it deals with the forces which control the physical world. Its method is empiricism. The Indian mind on the other hand, is always theoretical. In science however, theory and practice must be bridged.

The Indian picture, Dr. Kahn said, appears to be gloomy. The subjectivity which is the constant theme of South East Asian religion has been damaged by the influence of the "objectivity" of the scientific method and the rise of technology.

The intellectual outlook is very pessimistic. The situation as it stands today in South East Asia very well might result in a violent social upheaval.

AUTHOR OF "ANGLO-SAXON ATTITUDES" HERE ON TUESDAY

The appearance of English novelist Angus Wilson at Kenyon on November 15 is the first in this year's series of lectures intended to bring leading literary figures to this campus.

Professor Charles Ritcheson chairman of the Lectureship Committee, in announcing Wilson's appearance, noted that negotiations are now under way to bring South African novelist Nadine Gordimer and English Poet C. Day Lewis here next semester.

The writings of Wilson, a Lowell Lecturer, are marked by a "mordant wit," "deflation of the pompous," and a "satire which is not always gentle," said Professor Ritcheson.

Wilson's major work is probably *Anglo Saxon Attitudes*. Appearing in 1956, it was preceded by *The Wrong Set*, *Such Darling Dodos*, *Emile Zola*, and *Hemlock and After*. 1960 brought the publication of a major work, *The Middle Age of Mrs. Eliot*. Besides professional writing, Wilson is chief librarian of the British Museum.

The topic of Wilson's eight o'clock appearance in Rosse Hall will be his own work and its relation to the British novel, both past and present. As an innovation this year, written invitations to the lecture have been sent to alumni and friends of the college throughout Ohio.

Professor Ritcheson noted that efforts are being made to arrange for meetings between Wilson and interested students. Two days after speaking at Kenyon, Wilson is scheduled to visit Yale.

Still looming in the future is the appearance of English novelist C. P. Snow at Kenyon. It is hoped that this event will take place in October of 1961.

KENYON SPONSORS DEBATE TOURNEY

The Kenyon Debate Club will sponsor its first tournament here in several years, tomorrow when it plays host to seven Ohio schools: Oberlin, Denison, Wooster, Ohio State, Muskingum, Otterbein, and Ohio Wesleyan. The tournament consists of three rounds, one before lunch, and the other two following. The year's topic for debate is, "Resolved: The Federal Government should adopt a compulsory system of health insurance for all citizens." Debate President Gerry Fields, and Prof. Paul Trescott, the faculty advisor are coordinating the tournament.

This tournament should serve as a warmup for the tougher competition ahead.

Kenyon is entering two teams, more than half composed of people without debate experience. Those participating are for the affirmative, John MacGinnis and George Seltzer, Ken Gregg and Bill Halenbeck; for the negative side are Larry Schultz, and Tom Raefnor, Perrin Radley and Tom Price.

The schedule of rounds is as follows: 1st round — 10:30 at the Gambier Public School; 2nd round — 1:00 at Ascension Hall; 3rd round 2:30 at Ascension. Debates are open to the students.

On December 2, the Debate Team goes to Pittsburgh for one of the major tournaments this year.

PLUCKY LORDS DROP SIXTH, SEVENTH



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Wing MacFarland drives for a shot at the goal in Ohio U. game. Coates and Eggena scored one apiece to make the score 2-0.

JOCK JOTTINGS

— Jan Hallenbeck — Tom Waylett —

In this dismal season of Kenyon fall sports, there has been one bright spot which deserves the highest praise possible. Ohio University's soccer team arrived here in Gambier on Homecoming morning riding on the crest of a five game winning streak, fully prepared to add a sixth victim to its list. The NCAA sectionals were only a few games away for the Bobcats now, and this punchless Kenyon outfit would be little more than a rest game. Instead, the Lords rudely refused to become No. 6 in the bag. They turned on the Bobcats with vicious body contact and outhustled the Athens, Ohio squad until the final buzzer ended the affair with Kenyon on the long end of a 2-0 upset score.

The victory put the Lords one up on the books with a four won three lost mark. Over confidence and perhaps the natural letdown after a big win brought Kenyon to disaster in the final two games of the season. Denison and Ohio Wesleyan slapped down the Lords by identical 2-0 scores. But no matter — the team had come through when it wasn't supposed to. Congratulations are to be extended to the 1960 soccer team, a team which at the beginning of the season looked pretty bad, but somehow knocked off four opponents, including one of Ohio's strongest teams, OU.

Tomorrow the football team travels to Hiram to meet the hapless Terriers who have managed one tie (8-8 with Case last week) in seven contests. Kenyon and Hiram have the same OC mark of 0-6. The Terriers will undoubtedly be fired-up and may provide tough opposition. However, signs point to a Lord feast at last.

The intramural football season ended recently, and competition was very keen. Several key games were decided by one point. No love was lost between the teams and tempers often flared. The quality of play was generally better than in past years. In an effort to keep interest in intramurals at a high point, the *Collegian* sports staff has attempted to pick an all-star football team, both offensive and defensive units, first and second string. An attempt will be made to do this for all intramural team sports.

OFFENSE — FIRST TEAM. Quarterback - Rich, Bexley Hall. Blocking backs - Schwenzfeier, East Division and Wadland, South Leonard. Ends - Roche, Middle Leonard and Dudgeon, East Division. Center - Carlisle, Middle Leonard. **OFFENSE — SECOND TEAM.** Quarterback - Stetzer, East Division. Blocking backs - Hobrock, Middle Leonard and Deselm, South Leonard. Ends - Heiniz, Middle Hanna and Bannings, Bexley Hall. Center - Russell, East Wing. **DEFENSE — FIRST TEAM.** Ends - Schwenzfeier, East Division, Wadland, South Leonard. Center - Skrzypek, Middle Leonard. Pass defense - Stetzer, East Division, Rich, Bexley Hall and DeMattos, East Wing. **DEFENSE — SECOND TEAM.** Ends - Carlisle, Middle Leonard, and Hobrock, Middle Leonard. Center - Deselm, South Leonard. Pass defense - Dndgeon, East Division, Raymond, North Hanna and Slade, Middle Kenyon.

MIDDLE LEONARD IS TOUCH VICTOR

The final tallies on the intramural football season are now in the books. In a very hotly contested race down to the wire between Middle Leonard, Bexley Hall and East Division, Middle Leonard has emerged victorious with a 10-0-2 won-lost-tied season mark. The Delts, paced by John Clarke and Tom Collins alternating at QB, and by the pass catching of Pete Roche, clinched the championship when Bexley Hall edged East Division from the unbeaten ranks with a 13-12 win.

Bexley Hall made a run for the title but was stopped by Middle Leonard, 18-6. Bexley's only other loss came at the hands of Middle Kenyon, 18-13. East Division, hit by key injuries in the Bexley game, dropped two more and finished third in the scramble with a 9-3 record.

South Leonard (8-3-1), Middle Kenyon (8-4-0), East Wing (8-4-0) and Middle Hanna (5-5-2) round out the top seven teams in the league. North Leonard, (ALO), Bexley-Watson, and West Wing forfeited out of the league during the season.

Final Standings:	W	L	T
1. Middle Leonard	10	0	2
2. Bexley Hall	10	2	0
3. East Division	9	3	0
4. South Leonard	8	3	1
5. Middle Kenyon	8	4	0
East Wing	8	4	0
6. Middle Hanna	5	5	2
7. Norton Hall	5	7	0
8. Lewis Hall	4	7	1
9. North Hanna	3	9	0
10. West Wing	2	10	0
11. Bexley-Watson	0	12	0
N. Leonard (ALO)	0	12	0

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Lord Homecoming Spoiled; Spiedelberg Scores 3 TDs; Yeomen Lead at Half, 20-13

OBERLIN 27 — KENYON 13

An unobliging Oberlin football team abruptly ended the prospects of a day of triumphant Homecoming athletic events by dumping the Kenyon Lords 27-13, Sat., Oct. 29 at Benson Bowl.

A handsome throng of Kenyon partisans was subjected to watch the destructive work of sophomore halfback Alan Spiegelberg, who ran roughshod over an inconstant Lord defense; he almost single-handedly scored three of the four Yeoman touchdowns.

However, the Lords, owning one of the most philanthropic organizations in the league, hastened their own execution by committing three costly blunders. They fumbled on the Oberin 20 yard line in the first quarter, which led to a Yeoman tally. Late in the ensuing period, Oberlin blocked a Kenyon punt. The ball went awry and slipped into the Lords' end zone, where alert Joel Millikan pounced on it for the six-pointer. The last of the three miscues, an interception, occurred in the final stanza and shattered any hopes of Lord Victory.

Spiegelberg climaxed an early Yeoman drive of 64 yards in five plays by barging one yard for the bell-ringer. Kenyon reversed the advantage in the second frame on touchdowns by Bob Weidenkopf and Roy Walker. At this point, the Lords had a 13-6 bulge, but bad-man Al had not yet rendered al lof his services. After Oberlin grabbed a loose ball on the Kenyon 20-yard furrow, Mr. Spiegelberg skirted his left end and skipped to paydirt unescorted. At intermission, Oberlin was out front 20-13.

The second half proved fruitless to the victory-starved Lords. In addition, they were forced to watch some more of the fancy footwork and hip-swiveling of Spiegelberg. Midway through the third quarter he set his team in scoring position, and then proceeded to tip-toe over the goal line.

Kenyon still had a faint chance of conquest late in the last quarter, when substitute Mike Wood directed his corps to within striking distance. But a nifty aerial theft by John McCaslin on his own 34 put the victory on ice for his teammates, who managed to expire the clock.

The verdict gave Oberlin a 3-2 conference record, and buried Kenyon deeper in the dark, damp cellar with an uneviable 0-5 mark.

Dorothy's Lunch

Gambier

BEER and FOOD

Late Tallies Trip Lords; Weidenkopf and Withington Give Kenyon Early Lead

MT. UNION 27 — KENYON 14

Scoring three times in the final period, Mt. Union Purple Raiders downed the Kenyon football team last Saturday afternoon by a count of 27-14 in an Ohio Conference fray at Benson Bowl. The 19 point outburst in the last frame nullified a 14-8 lead which Kenyon had held since the opening of the second half.

The Lords opened the scoring on a 12 yard pass play from QB Mike Wood to halfback Bob Weidenkopf to climax a march from the Kenyon 32 yard line. Weidenkopf ran for the two point conversion putting the Lords ahead 8-0, to the delight of about 350 half-frozen spectators.

Early in the second period Mt. Union hit paydirt on a one yard plunge by Bob Ermlich. A pass from Smith to Ermlich was complete for the two point conversion, and the score was tied at 8-8.

Kenyon quickly retaliated as Nuff Withington bulled his way over from one yard out. The attempt for the extra point failed, leaving the Lords ahead by 14-8. The big Kenyon defense held off the Raiders and the teams left the field at the half with no change in the score.

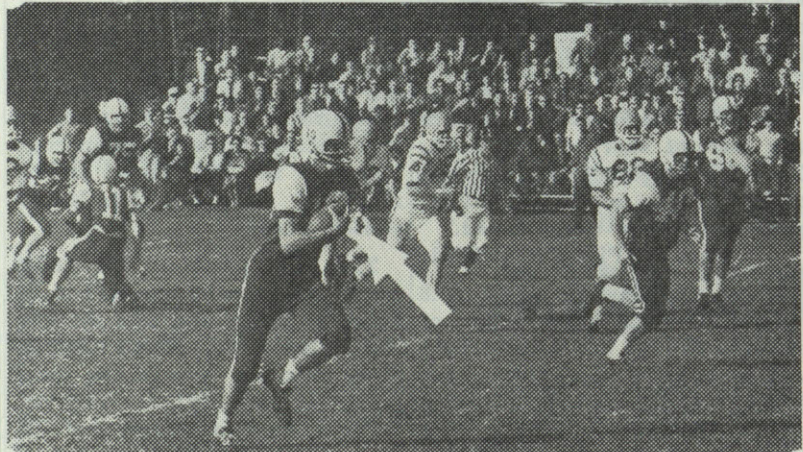
The third quarter was a defensive battle between the two teams. Led by Terry Murbach and Jeff Way, the Lord Defensive unit stopped three Mt. Union attempts to score. Early in the fourth period, the Raiders drove to the Lord eleven yard line. The march was stopped by the year's best Kenyon defensive stand.

Kenyon took over on its own ten, but could not move the ball. John Colwell's punt was carried back to the Kenyon 15 by the stiff wind, and Mt. Union tallied shortly afterward on a 12 yard jaunt by Roberts, running the score to a 14-14 tie.

Minutes later, Kenyon was again forced to punt. Hutton of the Raiders returned it 79 yards to the score. Daley's kick for the extra point split the unrights making it 21-14 in favor of the Raiders. The clock showed about seven minutes remaining, enough time for a Lord comeback tally. After the Mount kick-off, the Lords moved for three first downs before the drive stalled in Raider territory.

Mt. Union took over and drove to the Kenyon one yard marker. Ermlich plunged over on a quarterback sneak with 1:35 showing on the clock. Daley's kick for the extra point was blocked. Kenyon was unable to score in the waning seconds and the gun sounded ending in a 27-14 victory for the Alliance squad.

Kenyon's record stands at one win and six losses, while Mt. Union boasts three wins in eight starts. The Lords outgained the Raiders in ground and air yardage by 148 yards (300-152), but were unable to stop the last quarter surge. Mike Wood, a freshman performed very well as quarterback, directing the team to its two TD's. Weidenkopf, usually QB, was shifted to halfback by Coach Lave for this game.



Half-back Weidenkopf gains yardage as Chuck Uerdery leads the blocking.

RINGWALT'S